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Interviews: 1,002 adults, including  
101 reached by cell phone  
Date: January 10-14, 2010

48 Male  
52 Female

**FINAL**

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***Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.***

***The margin of error for 1,002 interviews is  $\pm 3.1\%$***

**(ASKED ONLY OF SAMPLE TYPE 2--CELL PHONE ONLY RESPONDENTS.)**

1. Do you have a landline in addition to your cell phone, or is your cell phone the only telephone you have?

Have a landline.....	-	<b>TERMINATE</b>	<b>[139]</b>
Cell phone is only telephone.....	100	<b>CONTINUE</b>	
Not sure.....	-	<b>TERMINATE</b>	

- 2a. For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are? **(IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?**

18-24.....	9	<b>[146-147]</b>
25-29.....	7	
30-34.....	11	
35-39.....	8	
40-44.....	8	
45-49.....	8	
50-54.....	9	
55-59.....	10	
60-64.....	10	
65-69.....	8	
70-74.....	5	
75 and over.....	6	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

- 2b. To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	11	<b>[148]</b>
No, not Hispanic.....	88	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

- 2c. And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race—white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	76	<b>[149]</b>
Black.....	11	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	3	
Hispanic (VOL).....	8	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

3. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>1/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	High <u>9/01</u>	Low <u>10/17-20/08+</u>	[150]
Headed in the right direction.....	34	33	36	39	39	42	43	72	12	
Off on the wrong track.....	54	55	52	48	49	46	43	11	78	
Mixed (VOL).....	10	10	9	10	9	9	10	11	7	
Not sure.....	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	6	3	

			10/17-	10/4-	9/19-	
<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>20/08+</u>	<u>5/08+</u>	<u>22/08</u>	<u>8/08+</u>
41	26	26	12	12	16	18
44	59	60	78	77	73	67
9	9	10	7	9	9	12
6	6	4	3	2	2	3
<u>2/09</u>						
			3/7-			
<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>
13	16	15	20	20	25	28
74	71	73	66	68	63	57
10	11	10	11	9	9	13
3	2	2	3	3	3	2
<u>9/06+</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>9/03</u>
31	31	32	40	39	47	38
54	57	57	47	49	43	50
12	10	8	10	10	6	8
3	2	3	3	2	4	4
<u>1/03</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>		
36	42	62	72	49		
47	43	20	11	34		
14	12	14	11	15		
3	3	4	6	2		

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- 4a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Barack Obama is doing as president?

	<u>1/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	[151]
Approve.....	48	47	51	51	51	53	56	61	60	
Disapprove.....	43	46	42	41	40	40	34	30	26	
Not sure.....	9	7	7	8	9	7	10	9	14	

- 4b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that Barack Obama is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>1/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	[152]
Approve.....	43	42	47	50	49	51	55	56	
Disapprove.....	49	51	46	42	44	38	37	31	
Not sure.....	8	7	7	8	7	11	8	13	

4c. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that Barack Obama is doing in handling foreign policy?

	<u>1/10*</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	
Approve.....	50	49	51	50	57	54	56	[153]
Disapprove.....	37	42	39	36	33	36	31	
Not sure.....	13	9	10	14	10	10	13	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

5. When it comes to dealing with the war on terrorism, do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing? \*\*

Approve.....	45	[154]
Disapprove.....	44	
Not sure.....	11	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

George W. Bush								
	<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<i>High</i> <u>4/02</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>9/05</u>
Approve.....	39	43	53	51	50	52	76	43
Disapprove.....	55	51	43	42	46	43	19	51
Not sure.....	6	6	4	7	4	5	5	6
	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>
	53	48	63	66	56	56	60	66
	42	47	31	27	38	39	34	28
	5	5	6	7	5	5	6	6
	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>5/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	
	64	66	67	73	75	75	76	
	28	27	26	22	20	18	19	
	8	7	7	5	5	7	5	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

6. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

								High	Low	
	<u>1/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>10/17-20/08+</u>	
Approve.....	21	22	24	22	24	29	28	61	12	[155]
Disapprove.....	67	68	65	66	63	57	58	28	79	
Not sure.....	12	10	11	12	13	14	14	11	9	
		<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17-20/08+</u>	<u>10/4-5/08+</u>	<u>9/19-22/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>		
		31	23	21	12	13	15	15		
		54	68	69	79	78	73	75		
		15	9	10	9	9	12	10		
		<u>6/08+</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>9/05</u>		
		13	18	23	31	20	29	29		
		79	70	65	53	65	56	53		
		8	12	12	16	15	15	18		
		<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>		
		41	40	46	39	42	40	54		
		40	42	41	45	39	44	29		
		19	18	13	16	19	16	17		
		<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>1/94</u>	
		47	48	46	48	40	44	26	33	
		34	35	41	36	49	42	65	54	
		19	17	13	16	11	14	9	13	

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7a. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing in handling the issue of health care reform?

	<u>1/10*</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	
Approve.....	38	43	45	41	41	[156]
Disapprove.....	55	48	46	47	46	
Not sure.....	7	9	9	12	13	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

7b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the way that Republicans in Congress are handling the issue of health care reform?

	<u>1/10**</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	
Approve.....	26	23	21	21	[157]
Disapprove.....	64	64	65	62	
Not sure.....	10	13	14	17	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

8. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and groups, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
<b>Barack Obama</b>							<b>[158]</b>
January 2010.....	29	23	12	16	19	1	
December 2009.....	29	21	13	15	22	-	
October 2009.....	36	20	11	12	21	-	
September 2009.....	38	18	11	14	19	-	
July 2009.....	37	18	10	14	20	1	
June 2009.....	41	19	11	12	17	-	
April 2009.....	45	19	12	10	13	1	
February 2009.....	47	21	12	9	10	1	
January 2009.....	43	23	17	8	6	3	
December 2008.....	45	22	15	8	8	2	
October 17-20, 2008+.....	37	19	10	10	23	1	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	30	22	12	12	23	1	
September 19-22, 2008+.....	29	19	15	14	22	1	
September 6-8, 2008+.....	33	20	13	12	20	2	
August 2008+.....	28	22	13	17	19	1	
July 2008+.....	27	21	16	11	23	2	
June 2008+.....	25	23	17	11	22	2	
April 2008+.....	23	23	16	17	20	1	
March 2008+.....	24	25	18	16	16	1	
January 2008.....	19	30	22	11	14	4	
December 2007.....	17	29	22	14	12	6	
November 2007.....	15	28	24	12	12	9	
September 2007.....	15	27	23	13	12	10	
July 2007.....	16	26	24	12	10	12	
April 2007.....	19	26	25	8	6	16	
March 2007.....	18	19	26	11	6	20	
<i>High</i>							
February 2009.....	47	21	12	9	10	1	
<i>Low</i>							
Oct. 28-30, 2006+.....	14	17	18	5	6	40	

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	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
<b>The Democratic Party</b>							<b>[159/166]</b>
January 2010.....	11	27	20	18	23	1	
December 2009.....	10	25	19	19	26	1	
October 2009.....	14	28	20	14	22	2	
September 2009.....	14	27	18	17	22	2	
July 2009.....	13	29	19	17	20	2	
June 2009.....	19	26	16	16	21	2	
April 2009.....	17	28	19	15	19	2	
February 2009.....	20	29	18	14	17	2	
December 2008.....	17	32	22	15	13	1	
October 17-20, 2008+.....	16	23	22	17	21	1	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	15	26	20	18	19	2	
September 19-22, 2008+.....	19	23	20	16	20	2	
September 6-8, 2008+.....	24	25	17	19	14	1	
August 2008+.....	17	26	21	16	19	1	
July 2008+.....	15	28	18	18	19	2	
June 2008+.....	16	27	24	13	19	1	
April 2008+.....	17	27	22	15	17	2	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	20	25	18	16	19	2	
January 2008.....	22	25	19	18	15	1	
November 2007.....	12	27	24	18	17	2	
September 2007.....	8	26	27	22	16	1	
July 2007.....	15	27	21	20	15	2	
January 2007.....	13	29	26	16	14	2	
October 28-30, 2006+.....	14	25	25	18	17	1	
July 2006.....	7	25	27	22	17	2	
January 2006.....	11	25	28	20	15	1	
May 2005.....	12	26	26	20	14	2	
February 2005.....	14	28	28	16	13	1	
October 2004+.....	17	25	22	16	19	1	
January 2002.....	16	33	23	15	11	2	
January 1998.....	13	30	30	16	9	2	
January 1994.....	11	29	29	17	11	3	
<i>High</i>							
January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2	
<i>Low</i>							
July 2006.....	7	25	27	22	17	2	

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Q.8 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
<b>The Republican Party</b>							<b>[160/167]</b>
January 2010.....	7	23	27	24	18	1	
December 2009.....	5	23	27	24	19	2	
October 2009.....	6	19	27	23	23	2	
September 2009.....	5	23	27	22	21	2	
July 2009.....	9	19	29	21	20	2	
June 2009.....	6	19	29	23	21	2	
April 2009.....	7	22	25	22	22	2	
February 2009.....	7	19	24	25	22	3	
December 2008.....	7	20	20	26	26	1	
October 17-20, 2008+.....	11	21	18	23	25	2	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	12	23	17	21	26	1	
September 19-22, 2008+.....	13	21	18	19	28	1	
September 6-8, 2008+.....	18	22	15	18	25	2	
August 2008+.....	10	25	22	19	23	1	
July 2008+.....	8	23	20	22	26	1	
June 2008+.....	7	21	24	22	25	1	
April 2008+.....	8	19	23	22	26	2	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	10	24	15	21	28	2	
January 2008.....	13	21	26	19	18	3	
November 2007.....	8	24	24	20	22	2	
September 2007.....	8	23	20	27	20	2	
July 2007.....	8	25	19	23	23	2	
January 2007.....	10	23	21	23	21	2	
Oct 28-30, 2006+.....	15	20	16	20	28	1	
July 2006.....	11	22	18	21	25	3	
January 2006.....	13	24	20	20	22	1	
May 2005.....	13	27	17	19	22	2	
February 2005.....	17	27	19	18	18	1	
October 2004+.....	20	24	18	15	22	1	
January 2002.....	20	32	24	12	9	3	
January 1998.....	9	29	30	18	12	2	
January 1994.....	12	30	29	16	9	4	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
October 2009.....	6	19	27	23	23	2	
<b>Michelle Obama</b>							<b>[161/168]</b>
January 2010.....	35	20	29	7	7	2	
April 2009.....	43	21	22	6	5	3	
February 2009.....	43	20	24	5	3	5	
December 2008.....	31	23	24	7	8	7	
September 6-8, 2008+.....	21	19	23	11	20	6	
August 2008+.....	19	19	28	11	18	5	
July 2008+.....	17	17	27	13	18	8	
March 2008+.....	14	18	32	9	11	16	

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Q.8 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
<b>George W. Bush</b>							<b>[162/169]</b>
January 2010.....	10	20	18	17	34	1	
April 2009.....	9	17	15	16	41	2	
January 2009.....	13	18	11	17	41	-	
December 2008.....	11	20	10	16	43	-	
October 17-20, 2008+.....	11	18	11	15	45	-	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	12	18	12	13	45	-	
September 19-22, 2008+.....	13	17	11	13	46	-	
September 6-8, 2008+.....	15	18	12	14	41	-	
August 2008+.....	15	19	11	15	40	-	
July 2008+.....	14	18	10	16	42	-	
June 2008+.....	11	19	10	16	44	-	
April 2008+.....	12	19	13	14	42	-	
March 24-25, 2008+.....	16	17	12	13	41	1	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	16	18	10	12	43	1	
January 2008.....	14	18	10	17	40	1	
June 2007.....	12	20	11	15	42	-	
January 2007.....	17	18	12	17	35	1	
June 2006.....	18	21	9	15	37	-	
January 2006.....	24	17	12	13	33	1	
July 2005.....	27	20	10	15	28	-	
January 2005.....	32	19	9	15	25	-	
June 2004+.....	33	15	8	14	30	-	
January 2004.....	38	17	8	13	24	-	
July 2003.....	38	21	9	14	17	-	
January 2003.....	36	20	12	16	16	-	
June 2002.....	43	27	11	10	9	-	
January 2002.....	53	26	10	7	4	-	
June 2001.....	30	23	16	15	15	1	
January 2001.....	25	25	18	13	17	2	
<b>High</b>							
December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-	
<b>Low</b>							
April 2009.....	9	17	15	16	41	2	



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	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
<b>Nancy Pelosi</b>							[163]
January 2010 *.....	6	15	19	12	32	16	
October 2009.....	8	18	16	9	33	16	
September 2009.....	8	19	16	11	33	13	
July 2009.....	7	18	16	11	33	15	
June 2009.....	5	19	17	12	34	13	
February 2009.....	12	19	15	9	28	17	
January 2009.....	9	17	19	10	26	19	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	7	16	21	14	27	15	
January 2008.....	5	17	21	11	22	24	
April 2007 .....	11	18	20	12	18	21	
January 2007.....	10	18	23	9	15	25	
December 2006.....	9	16	21	8	15	31	
October 2006+.....	4	10	18	8	17	43	
September 2006+.....	4	11	12	7	16	50	
December 2005.....	3	10	20	6	12	49	
February 2005.....	5	10	17	6	10	52	
<b>Hillary Clinton</b>							[164]
January 2010 *.....	25	27	22	13	12	1	
July 2009.....	26	27	15	15	16	1	
January 2009.....	27	29	14	15	14	1	
December 2008.....	27	26	20	14	12	1	
September 2008+.....	23	24	15	17	20	1	
August 2008+.....	17	25	16	18	23	1	
June 2008+.....	18	28	14	17	22	1	
April 2008+.....	20	22	14	19	25	-	
March 24-25, 2008+.....	17	20	15	21	27	-	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	22	23	11	14	29	1	
January 2008.....	24	23	11	11	30	1	
June 2007.....	18	24	15	16	26	1	
March 2007.....	16	23	17	15	28	1	
December 2006.....	21	22	17	12	26	2	
April 2006.....	19	19	19	13	28	2	
December 2004.....	24	21	14	11	29	1	
July 2003.....	16	21	20	13	27	3	
January 2001.....	27	22	13	12	24	2	
<i>High</i>							
January 1999.....	35	23	16	11	14	1	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2001.....	16	19	15	18	31	1	
<b>Robert Gates</b>							[165]
January 2010 *.....	9	17	27	7	4	36	
December 2008.....	8	23	29	6	2	32	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
<b>Harry Reid</b>							[170]
January 2010 **.....	3	10	20	8	24	35	
October 2009.....	2	12	18	7	19	42	
January 2009 .....	2	12	22	10	11	43	
January 2007.....	3	9	13	9	8	58	
September 2006+.....	2	8	15	6	12	57	
February 2005.....	4	7	21	5	3	60	
<b>Joe Biden</b>							[171]
January 2010 **.....	15	23	25	15	14	8	
July 2009.....	13	25	20	17	19	6	
January 2009.....	20	27	22	12	9	10	
December 2008.....	20	25	25	12	11	7	
October 17-20, 2008+.....	28	23	19	12	14	4	
October 4-5, 2008+.....	21	22	24	12	15	6	
September 19-22, 2008+.....	17	20	25	13	16	9	
September 6-8, 2008+.....	18	22	23	13	12	12	
September 2007.....	4	13	26	11	11	35	
December 2006.....	3	14	23	10	6	44	
June 2004+.....	5	11	25	6	4	49	
<b>Janet Napolitano</b>							[172]
January 2010 **.....	2	13	21	11	15	38	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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9. Do you think that Michelle Obama is a positive role model for American women, or not?

	<u>1/10</u>	<u>12/08</u>	
Is a positive role model.....	73	69	[173]
Is not a positive role model.....	14	16	
Not sure.....	13	15	

<b>Hillary Clinton</b>							
	<u>3/08+</u>	<u>11/07+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>1/95</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>12/92</u>
Is a positive role model.....	59	55	44	51	57	62	66
Is not a positive role model.....	35	40	50	39	37	32	21
Not sure.....	6	5	6	10	6	6	13

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10a. Let me list some issues that have been proposed for the federal government to address. Please tell me which one of these items you think should be the top priority for the federal government. **(IF MORE THAN ONE, ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just one, which do you think should be the top priority?

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A PRIORITY IN Q.10a.)**

10b. And which of these issues do you think should be the next highest priority for the federal government to address?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE (Q.10a)

	Q.10a. Top Priority					Q.10a/b COMBINED Top/Second Priorities			
	1/10	9/09	7/09	6/09		1/10	9/09	7/09	6/09
Job creation and economic growth.....	38	30	38	31	CONTINUE	61	55	62	54
National security and terrorism.....	17	11	11	14		36	23	23	27
The deficit and government spending.....	13	18	17	19		29	34	32	34
Health care.....	12	21	14	16		31	40	32	34
The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.....	10	11	10	9		25	27	25	26
Energy and the cost of gas.....	4	4	5	5	Skip to Q.11a	10	12	16	16
Social issues such as abortion and same-sex marriage.....	3	3	2	2		6	6	7	7
Other (VOL).....	-	-	1	-		1	-	1	-
All equally (VOL).....	3	2	2	3		-	-	1	-
None of these (VOL).....	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
Not sure.....	-	-	-	1		-	1	-	-

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11a. Please tell me how interested you are in November's elections, using a scale from one to ten, on which a "ten" means that you are very interested in November's elections and a "one" means that you are not at all interested. You may choose any number from one to ten.

	1/10	12/09	12/07	11/07	10/13- 16/06+	9/30- 10/2/06+	9/8- 11/06+	
10, very interested.....	44	48	62	59	53	46	47	[178-179]
9.....	5	6	9	9	8	9	8	
8.....	12	12	13	12	14	17	16	
7.....	10	10	5	7	7	12	10	
6.....	7	5	3	3	6	5	5	
5.....	11	9	4	5	5	6	8	
4.....	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	
3.....	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	
2.....	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	
1, not interested at all.....	5	5	2	3	3	2	2	
Cannot rate.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	
		7/06+	6/06+	4/06+	3/06+	1/06+		
		51	47	49	45	46		
		9	8	7	7	7		
		17	17	17	18	15		
		10	9	10	11	12		
		4	5	5	5	5		
		6	8	7	7	7		
		2	1	2	1	2		
		-	2	-	2	1		
		-	1	1	1	1		
		1	2	2	3	4		
		-	-	-	-	-		

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

11b. What is your preference for the outcome of this year's congressional elections—a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>1/10+</u>	<u>12/09+</u>	<u>10/09+</u>	<u>9/09+</u>	<u>7/09+</u>	<u>4/09+</u>	<u>11/08++</u>	<u>10/08+</u>	[180]
Republican-controlled Congress.....	41	41	38	40	39	39	36	36	
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	41	43	46	43	46	48	48	49	
Not sure.....	18	16	16	17	15	13	16	15	
		<u>9/08+</u>	<u>8/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/08+</u>	<u>11/07+</u>	
		37	36	36	33	34	35	37	
		50	47	49	52	49	49	46	
		13	17	15	15	17	16	17	
		<u>9/07+</u>	<u>10/06+</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>7/06+</u>	<u>6/06+</u>	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	
		35	37	39	38	38	39	37	
		47	52	48	48	49	45	50	
		18	11	13	14	13	16	13	
		<u>1/06+</u>	<u>12/05+</u>	<u>11/05+</u>	<u>10/05+</u>	<u>7/05+</u>	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	
		38	38	37	39	40	40	43	
		47	46	48	48	45	47	44	
		15	16	15	13	15	13	13	
		<u>9/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	
		42	42	41	42	42	42	43	
		46	44	44	45	43	42	42	
		12	14	15	13	15	16	15	
		<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	
		42	43	42	44	42	40	39	
		42	41	41	40	40	44	41	
		16	16	17	16	18	16	20	
		<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	
		39	42	41	37	41	40	41	
		43	41	40	43	43	39	40	
		18	17	19	20	16	21	19	
		<u>6/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	
		39	41	40	41	41	45	44	
		40	37	42	37	39	39	38	
		21	22	18	22	20	16	18	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

++ Results shown reflect responses among *likely* voters.

11c. In the next election for U.S. Congress, do you feel that your representative deserves to be reelected, or do you think that it is time to give a new person a chance?

	<u>1/10+</u>	<u>12/09+</u>	<u>10/09+</u>	<u>9/09+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>11/07+</u>	<u>6/07+</u>	
Deserves to be reelected.....	39	38	41	40	40	39	41	[208]
Give new person a chance.....	49	49	49	49	47	51	48	
Not sure.....	12	13	10	11	13	10	11	
		<u>10/13- 16/06+</u>	<u>9/30- 10/2/06+</u>	<u>9/8- 11/06+</u>	<u>7/06+</u>	<u>6/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	
		39	38	41	38	42	41	
		45	45	43	48	45	48	
		16	17	16	14	13	11	
		<u>1/06+</u>	<u>12/05+</u>	<u>11/05+</u>	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	
		41	41	37	42	49	42	
		46	44	51	45	34	39	
		13	15	12	13	17	19	
		<u>9/02</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	
		41	50	49	49	42	48	
		42	35	38	39	47	37	
		17	15	13	12	11	15	
		<u>12/97+</u>	<u>10/94+</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>
		41	39	30	34	35	34	37
		45	49	53	50	47	52	47
		14	12	17	16	18	14	16
		<u>7/93</u>	<u>10/92+</u>	<u>9/92+</u>	<u>7/92+</u>	<u>4/92+</u>	<u>2/92+</u>	<u>1/92+</u>
		30	31	31	27	33	37	42
		55	56	56	62	57	52	48
		15	13	13	11	10	11	10

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

12. I'm going to read you two statements about the role of government, and I'd like to know which one comes closer to your point of view.

**Statement A:** Government should do more to solve problems and help meet the needs of people, OR

**Statement B:** Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals.

	<u>1/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>10/4- 5/08+</u>	
A/Government should do more.....	43	44	46	45	47	51	47	[209]
B/Government is doing too many things.....	48	47	48	49	46	40	45	
Some of both (VOL).....	6	7	5	5	6	7	7	
Not sure.....	3	2	1	1	1	2	1	
		<u>9/19- 22/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>12/95<sup>1</sup></u>
		48	53	55	52	45	41	32
		42	42	38	40	43	51	62
		8	NA	6	6	9	5	NA
		2	5	1	2	3	3	6

<sup>1</sup> In December 1995, the question was phrased, "Some people think the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses. Others think that government should do more to solve our country's problems. Which comes closer to your own view?"

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Now, switching topics . . .

13. Which ONE of the following statements best describes your feelings toward Barack Obama? (IF MORE THAN ONE, SAY:) Well, if you had to choose just one statement, which would you choose?

	<u>1/10</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	
Like personally and approve most policies.....	42	44	46	48	51	55	[210]
Like personally but disapprove of many policies.....	33	30	31	27	30	22	
Don't like personally, approve most of policies.....	2	3	2	3	3	5	
Don't like personally, disapprove many policies.....	19	19	18	16	12	10	
None of these (VOL).....	3	2	2	3	2	3	
Not sure.....	1	2	1	3	2	5	

14. Compared to what you expected when Barack Obama took office a year ago, do you feel that he has done better than you expected, worse than you expected, or just about as you expected?

	<i>Barack Obama</i>	<i>George W. Bush</i>	<i>Bill Clinton</i>	
	<u>1/10</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>1/94</u>	
Better than expected.....	15	67	17	[211]
Worse than expected.....	30	3	15	
Just about as expected.....	54	28	65	
Not sure.....	1	2	3	

- 15a. Which of the following best describes your feeling about how Barack Obama will do during his presidency--optimistic and confident that he will do a good job, satisfied and hopeful that he will do a good job, uncertain and wondering whether he will do a good job, or pessimistic and worried that he will do a bad job?

	<u>1/10*</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>10/08<sup>1+</sup></u>	
Optimistic and confident.....	22	30	32	27	[212]
Satisfied and hopeful.....	30	32	34	29	
Uncertain and wondering.....	20	23	24	21	
Pessimistic and worried.....	27	15	9	22	
Not sure.....	1	-	1	1	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

<sup>1</sup> In October 2008, this question was phrased "Which of the following best describes how you would feel how you would feel if Barack Obama were elected president...?"

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- 15b. How confident are you that Barack Obama has the right set of personal characteristics to be president of the United States—extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	<u>1/10</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	
Extremely confident .....	28	31	33	[213]
Quite confident.....	23	28	22	
Only somewhat confident.....	23	28	28	
Not at all confident.....	25	12	15	
Not sure.....	1	1	2	

- 16a. And how confident are you that Barack Obama has the right set of goals and policies to be president of the United States—extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	<u>1/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	
Extremely confident.....	23	19	24	25	25	31	29	30	[214]
Quite confident.....	21	20	21	21	27	23	25	24	
Only somewhat confident.....	25	28	23	23	25	26	30	29	
Not at all confident.....	30	33	31	30	23	19	15	16	
Not sure.....	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	

- 16b. And how confident are you that Barack Obama has the right set of goals and policies to improve the economy—extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	<u>1/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	
Extremely confident.....	16	13	18	16	20	[215]
Quite confident.....	19	20	22	23	26	
Only somewhat confident.....	31	29	27	28	24	
Not at all confident.....	33	36	32	32	29	
Not sure.....	1	2	1	1	1	

17. Do you think that in his first year in office Barack Obama has accomplished a great deal, a fair amount, only some, or very little?

	<u>1/10</u>	<u>4/09</u> <sup>1</sup>	
Accomplished a great deal.....	18	28	[216]
Accomplished a fair amount.....	27	31	
Accomplished only some.....	20	20	
Accomplished very little.....	34	20	
Not sure.....	1	1	

<sup>1</sup> In April 2009, the question was phrased, "Do you think that in his first one hundred days in office . . . ."

18. Now I'm going to read you a series of elements about Barack Obama, both as a person and as President of the United States. For each, please tell me whether in general you feel positive, feel neutral, or feel negative about Barack Obama in this area.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY FEEL POSITIVE

	<u>Feel Positive</u>	<u>Feel Neutral</u>	<u>Feel Negative</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
As the First Family with his wife and children.....	72	21	5	2	[222]
As a person.....	64	25	9	2	[217]
As a leader.....	54	18	27	1	[218]
In representing America abroad.....	52	17	30	1	[221]
As commander-in-chief.....	46	22	31	1	[220]
On his stands on issues.....	41	25	33	1	[219]

19. How would you rate Barack Obama on the following qualities, using a five-point scale, on which a "five" means a very good rating, a "one" means a very poor rating, and a "three" means a mixed rating?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY GOOD RATING (SCORE OF "4-5")

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	5	4	3	2	1		
<b>Being easygoing and likable</b>							[233]
January 2010 **.....	52	20	17	5	6	-	
October 2009.....	54	18	15	5	7	1	
July 2009.....	54	19	12	6	8	1	
April 2009.....	60	21	8	5	5	1	
January 2009.....	54	23	16	2	3	2	
June 2008+.....	37	32	18	7	5	1	
March 2008+.....	39	30	17	5	7	2	
November 2007+.....	34	30	21	6	5	4	
<b>Being an inspirational and exciting president</b>							[227]
January 2010 *.....	40	19	19	9	13	-	
October 2009.....	42	18	12	10	17	1	
April 2009.....	50	19	16	6	9	-	
January 2009 <sup>2</sup> .....	54	21	14	5	6	-	
June 2008+.....	40	21	16	11	11	1	
March 2008+.....	36	20	19	10	13	2	
November 2007+.....	21	21	29	10	15	4	
<b>Having strong leadership qualities</b>							[226]
January 2010 *.....	34	23	18	11	13	1	
October 2009.....	36	20	17	9	17	1	
July 2009.....	38	23	15	9	15	-	
April 2009.....	46	22	15	8	9	-	
January 2009 <sup>1</sup> .....	44	26	16	6	7	1	
June 2008+.....	23	24	30	10	12	1	
March 2008+.....	24	22	27	9	16	2	
November 2007+.....	15	24	28	14	15	4	
<b>Being honest and straightforward</b>							[225]
January 2010 *.....	35	16	19	9	21	-	
October 2009.....	33	18	17	8	23	1	
April 2009.....	40	24	14	7	13	2	
January 2009.....	41	22	20	6	8	3	
June 2008+.....	25	27	22	12	13	1	
March 2008.....	29	24	22	7	14	4	
November 2007+.....	26	25	27	8	9	5	
<b>Representing traditional American values</b>							[235]
January 2010 **.....	32	19	16	8	24	1	
April 2009.....	35	20	15	10	18	2	
January 2009.....	36	24	17	9	12	2	

<sup>1</sup>Prior to January 2009, the item was phrased, "Having the strong leadership qualities needed to be president."

<sup>2</sup>Prior to January 2009, the item was phrased, "Being inspirational and an exciting choice for president."

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.



Q.19 (cont'd)

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		
<b>Having the ability to handle a crisis</b>							[231]
January 2010 **.....	29	22	18	10	20	1	
October 2009.....	27	18	20	12	21	2	
April 2009.....	31	23	20	9	14	3	
January 2009.....	25	21	25	14	9	6	
<b>Being firm and decisive in his decision-making</b>							[230]
January 2010 **.....	29	20	24	11	16	-	
October 2009.....	27	21	19	14	19	-	
July 2009.....	27	30	22	8	13	-	
April 2009 .....	34	31	15	9	10	1	
January 2009.....	37	26	20	4	9	4	
<b>Being a good commander-in-chief</b>							[223]
January 2010 *.....	28	21	19	12	20	-	
October 2009.....	26	20	18	10	25	1	
April 2009.....	33	22	20	8	15	2	
January 2009.....	32	23	20	8	12	5	
June 2008+.....	13	20	26	15	24	2	
March 2008+.....	19	22	28	13	16	2	
November 2007+.....	12	17	30	15	21	5	
<b>Being knowledgeable and experienced enough to handle the presidency</b>							[228]
January 2010 *.....	25	22	18	13	21	1	
October 2009.....	28	19	17	11	25	-	
April 2009.....	31	25	19	10	15	-	
January 2009.....	26	25	23	11	14	1	
June 2008+.....	10	20	32	15	22	1	
March 2008.....	11	17	30	14	25	3	
November 2007+.....	11	18	28	17	21	5	
<b>Uniting the country</b>							[232]
January 2010 **.....	20	20	25	11	24	-	
October 2009.....	20	18	24	13	24	1	
April 2009.....	28	29	19	8	15	1	
January 2009.....	36	24	22	9	7	2	
<b>Achieving his goals</b>							[234]
January 2010 **.....	17	23	32	13	14	1	
October 2009.....	17	20	30	14	18	1	
April 2009.....	25	35	25	5	8	2	
January 2009.....	32	24	24	9	5	6	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.19 (cont'd)

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		
<b>Sharing your positions on the issues</b>							<b>[229]</b>
January 2010 **.....	20	18	24	10	27	1	
October 2009.....	21	18	22	11	27	1	
July 2009.....	23	21	21	9	25	1	
April 2009.....	26	22	21	11	19	1	
January 2009.....	29	23	22	12	13	1	
June 2008+.....	21	18	23	14	23	1	
March 2008+.....	18	21	23	13	21	4	
November 2007+.....	13	20	28	12	21	6	
<b>Changing business as usual in Washington</b>							<b>[224]</b>
January 2010 *.....	13	17	32	12	24	2	
October 2009.....	19	19	24	9	26	3	
April 2009.....	22	25	22	11	16	4	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

20. Would you describe Barack Obama as liberal, moderate, or conservative? (IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE," ASK:) And would you say Barack Obama is very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

	<u>1/10**</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>3/08</u>	
Very liberal.....	33	37	36	27	33	35	30	<b>[236]</b>
Somewhat liberal.....	22	20	23	22	23	23	25	
Moderate.....	30	33	30	37	29	24	24	
Somewhat conservative.....	6	2	4	3	5	6	5	
Very conservative.....	3	2	3	4	3	3	3	
Not sure.....	6	6	4	7	7	9	13	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

21. Thinking about Barack Obama, both personally and how he has handled the job of being president, do you think he will be a successful president or he will be an unsuccessful president, or at this time are you not ready to make that judgment?

Will be a successful president.....	37	<b>[237]</b>
Will be an unsuccessful president.....	21	
Not ready to make judgment.....	40	
Mixed/some of both (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	1	

22. When you think about Barack Obama and his administration, what would you say stands out as the most positive thing about his first year in office? [238-244] \*

Health care reform, efforts to improve health care system	12%
Doing a good job/getting things done/tenacity/determination	8
Economy, economic issues, working hard to improve economy	8
Foreign affairs, improved America's image abroad, good diplomat	7
His desire for change, give us hope	6
Honest, forthright, trustworthy	4
Good attitude, good personality, respectful, even tempered	4
Good communicator/speaker	4
Agree with the way he's handling Iraq, Afghanistan, the wars	4
None, nothing positive	14
Don't know; no response	9%

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

23. When you think about Barack Obama and his administration, what would you say stands out as the most negative thing about his first year in office? [245-251] \*\*

Disagree with his stand on health care reform	12%
Sending more troops to Afghanistan, not ending the wars	11
Against bailouts/stimulus package, too much money going to banks	7
Not keeping campaign promises	6
Economy still in bad shape, doing a poor job handling the economy	6
Criticisms of his cabinet/staff/czars, poor selections	5
Unable to unite Congress, not getting help the needs from Democrats and Republicans	4
Disagree with his stands on issues, policies	3
Not protecting the country, lax on national security	3
Not addressing jobs, unemployment	3
None, nothing	9
Don't know; no response	5%

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

**Now turning to the economy . . .**

24. How satisfied are you with the state of the U.S. economy today—are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the state of the economy?

	<u>1/10</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>High 9/98</u>	<u>Low 2/09</u>	[252]
Very satisfied.....	1	2	2	2	1	2	31	1	
Somewhat satisfied.....	15	17	21	11	11	16	55	6	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	33	31	35	31	33	30	10	22	
Very dissatisfied.....	50	49	41	56	54	52	3	70	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	
		<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>12/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/02</u>	
		1	2	2	5	10	6	3	
		6	8	12	27	33	45	33	
		22	25	28	28	32	30	38	
		70	65	58	40	25	18	25	
		1	-	-	-	-	1	1	
		<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	
		4	2	4	6	4	5	18	
		27	32	42	44	43	47	57	
		37	41	39	33	39	32	18	
		31	24	14	15	13	15	6	
		1	1	1	2	1	1	1	
		<u>4/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	
		29	23	26	27	31	18	13	
		52	53	54	55	55	52	52	
		12	17	13	12	10	20	23	
		6	7	6	5	3	8	10	
		1	-	1	1	1	2	2	
		<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>9/96</u>	<u>6/96</u>	<u>5/96+</u>	<u>3/96</u>	
		10	13	9	7	5	4	3	
		51	45	51	49	43	43	39	
		27	27	27	30	32	38	37	
		10	13	11	12	18	14	19	
		2	2	2	2	2	1	2	
		<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>				
		3	4	4	4				
		37	39	40	41				
		38	35	37	38				
		19	21	18	15				
		3	1	1	2				

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25. During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	<u>1/10</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/08+</u>	[253]
Economy will get better.....	41	42	47	44	46	38	36	38	
Economy will get worse.....	19	22	20	21	22	30	28	20	
Economy will stay about the same...	38	33	30	32	29	30	34	37	
Not sure.....	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	5	
		<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>9-10/06+</u>	<u>6/06</u>	
		25	21	19	16	21	22	16	
		43	49	45	31	16	22	39	
		28	27	29	49	60	51	43	
		4	3	7	4	3	5	2	
		<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	
		17	24	24	26	28	43	43	
		44	27	30	34	30	17	10	
		36	46	42	37	36	36	33	
		3	3	4	3	6	4	14	
		<u>9/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	
		43	42	44	50	49	44	45	
		13	16	18	10	15	19	16	
		33	34	35	37	33	33	34	
		11	8	3	3	3	4	4	
		<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	
		49	35	40	41	39	41	50	
		17	25	20	20	18	20	13	
		31	37	35	34	39	37	32	
		3	3	5	5	4	2	5	
		<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	
		50	36	28	17	19	19	21	
		15	25	29	24	22	22	21	
		32	34	37	54	53	57	52	
		3	5	6	5	6	2	6	
		<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	
		20	24	31	31	28	28	27	
		21	23	17	24	24	17	21	
		54	50	46	40	44	52	49	
		5	3	6	5	4	3	3	
		<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>
		29	44	21	23	20	23	33	39
		16	16	27	24	29	27	21	15
		52	36	50	51	48	47	44	43
		3	4	2	2	3	3	2	3

<sup>1</sup> Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

26. When you think about the current economic conditions, do you feel that this is a situation that Barack Obama has inherited or is this a situation his policies are mostly responsible for?

	<u>1/10**</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	
Situation Obama inherited.....	65	63	72	84	<b>[254]</b>
Situation Obama's policies mostly responsible for.....	17	20	14	8	
Some of both (VOL).....	16	15	10	6	
Not sure.....	2	2	4	2	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

27. Thinking about the way the federal government has responded to the financial crisis in recent months, generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the expansion of the government's role in the economy?

	<u>1/10</u>	<u>3/09<sup>1</sup></u>	
Approve.....	39	53	<b>[255]</b>
Disapprove.....	53	44	
Not sure.....	8	2	

<sup>1</sup>Comparative data comes from a survey conducted by Gallup Organization.

28. Now I am going to read you a series of things President Obama has done on the economy. For each one, please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of this action.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY APPROVE

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Placing new restrictions on credit card companies that govern how they raise consumers' interest rates *.....	82	16	2	<b>[257]</b>
Extending unemployment benefits **.....	82	16	2	<b>[262]</b>
Providing financial help to homeowners who were in danger of losing their homes *.....	69	25	6	<b>[258]</b>
Providing tax cuts to individuals as part of the stimulus package **.....	68	25	7	<b>[261]</b>
Passing the economic stimulus package *.....	49	43	8	<b>[259]</b>
Providing financial help to banks and other lending institutions *.....	32	60	8	<b>[256]</b>
Having the federal government take a majority ownership stake in General Motors **.....	30	65	5	<b>[260]</b>

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

29. Thinking about the country's economic conditions, have we pretty much hit the bottom, or is there still a ways to go before we hit the bottom?

	<u>1/10*</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	
Pretty much hit the bottom.....	31	29	35	27	17	<b>[263]</b>
Still ways to go.....	53	58	52	58	76	
Hit bottom already (VOL).....	13	8	9	10	3	
Not sure.....	3	5	4	5	4	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

**Turning to the issue of health care . . .**

30. From what you have heard about Barack Obama's health care plan, do you think his plan is a good idea or a bad idea? If you do not have an opinion either way, please just say so.

	<u>1/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	
Good idea.....	33	32	38	39	36	36	33	33	[264]
Bad idea.....	46	47	42	41	42	42	32	26	
Do not have an opinion.....	18	17	16	17	17	17	30	34	
Not sure.....	3	4	4	3	5	5	5	7	

31. If the current health care legislation becomes law, will you consider it to be a step forward or a step backward? \*

Step forward.....	42	[265]
Step backward.....	48	
Neither (VOL).....	2	
Not sure .....	8	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

32. Thinking about efforts to reform the health care system, which would concern you more?

Not doing enough to make the health care system better than it is now by lowering costs and covering the uninsured.

OR

Going too far and making the health care system worse than it is now in terms of quality of care and choice of doctor.

	<u>1/10**</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	
Not doing enough.....	40	44	44	41	[266]
Going too far.....	53	51	48	54	
Not sure.....	7	5	8	5	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

33. If the current health care legislation becomes law, for each of the following do you think it will make things much better, make things somewhat better, not make a difference, make things somewhat worse, or make things much worse?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MUCH OR SOMEWHAT BETTER

	Better		No Difference	Worse		Not Sure	
	Much	Some- what		Some- what	Much		
The ability to get health insurance even with a pre-existing medical condition *	31	36	11	7	8	7	[270]
Health coverage for many people who do not have it now.....	30	36	13	7	9	5	[267/272]
Benefits for people on Medicare, the government health care program for seniors.....	11	25	21	17	19	7	[269/274]
The cost of health care **.....	10	23	14	20	28	5	[276]
The quality of health care.....	10	21	21	19	24	5	[268/273]
Taxes on middle-class Americans *	3	15	18	23	31	10	[271]
The federal deficit **.....	4	13	17	21	37	8	[275]

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 34/35. Do you have a health plan, that is, are you covered by a private health insurance plan or by a government program such as Medicare, Medicaid, or Tricare? (IF "YES," ASK:) What kind of health plan do you have? (IF MORE THAN ONE, ASK:) Well, what kind of plan would you say your primary plan is?

**Yes, Have A Health Plan**

Private health insurance.....	58	[277/278]
MediCARE.....	16	
MediCAID.....	4	
Tricare.....	3	
VA, military.....	1	
Other (specify).....	1	
Don't know what kind of plan.....	1	
<b>NO, Do Not Have A Health Plan.....</b>	<b>15</b>	
Don't know/refused.....	1	

**Changing subjects . . .**

36. In general, do you think race relations in the United States are very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

All Adults							
	1/10	9/09	1/09	4/07	9/05	10/95	9/94
Very good.....	8	13	7	4	8	2	4
Fairly good.....	64	59	70	54	55	32	45
Fairly bad.....	16	14	16	28	20	41	31
Very bad.....	7	8	5	10	10	20	15
Mixed (VOL).....	NA	4	NA	NA	5	4	4
Not sure.....	5	2	2	4	2	1	1

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Whites							
	1/10	9/09	1/09	4/07	9/05	10/95	9/94
Very good.....	7	12	6	3	9	1	4
Fairly good.....	65	63	73	56	58	33	45
Fairly bad.....	17	13	16	28	19	42	32
Very bad.....	7	6	4	8	7	18	13
Mixed (VOL).....	NA	4	NA	NA	5	5	5
Not sure.....	4	2	1	5	2	1	1

African Americans							
	1/10	9/09	1/09	4/07	9/05	10/95	9/94
Very good.....	8	6	7	3	3	3	5
Fairly good.....	58	44	57	37	45	28	39
Fairly bad.....	20	22	18	34	28	35	26
Very bad.....	8	16	12	24	19	30	26
Mixed (VOL).....	NA	7	NA	NA	3	3	3
Not sure.....	6	5	6	2	2	1	1

Hispanics					
	1/10	9/09	1/09	4/07	9/05
Very good.....	11	15	13	11	8
Fairly good.....	57	57	63	44	49
Fairly bad.....	13	13	17	32	17
Very bad.....	10	12	6	10	19
Mixed (VOL).....	NA	2	NA	NA	7
Not sure.....	9	1	1	3	-



37. Since Barack Obama has been president, do you believe that race relations in the country have gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	All Adults			
	<u>1/10</u>	<u>1/09</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>11/4/08</u> <sup>+2</sup>	
Gotten better.....	20	45	33	<b>[316]</b>
Gotten worse.....	15	13	19	
Stayed about the same.....	63	39	43	
Don't know/refused.....	2	3	5	

<sup>1</sup> In January 2009, the question was phrased, "Now that Barack Obama has been elected president . . ."

<sup>2</sup> Comparative data from November 4, 2008 comes from a Public Opinion Strategies poll of voters. The question was phrased, "And, assuming again that Barack Obama is elected President, do you believe that race relations in the country will..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

	Whites	
	<u>1/10</u>	<u>1/09</u>
Get better.....	19	46
Get worse.....	16	13
Stay about the same.....	63	39
Don't know/refused.....	2	2

	African Americans	
	<u>1/10</u>	<u>1/09</u>
Get better.....	22	40
Get worse.....	13	10
Stay about the same.....	64	44
Don't know/refused.....	1	6

	Hispanics	
	<u>1/10</u>	<u>1/09</u>
Get better.....	26	46
Get worse.....	14	13
Stay about the same.....	58	36
Don't know/refused.....	2	5

38. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement--America is a nation where people are not judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

All Adults			
	<u>1/10</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>1/08</u>
Strongly agree.....	24	20	20
Somewhat agree.....	36	40	27
Somewhat disagree.....	23	24	29
Strongly disagree.....	16	15	22
Not sure.....	1	1	2

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Whites			
	<u>1/10</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>1/08</u>
Strongly agree.....	24	20	21
Somewhat agree.....	38	44	30
Somewhat disagree.....	23	23	31
Strongly disagree.....	14	11	17
Not sure.....	1	2	1

African Americans			
	<u>1/10</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>1/08</u>
Strongly agree.....	12	14	17
Somewhat agree.....	28	27	12
Somewhat disagree.....	26	26	21
Strongly disagree.....	32	30	50
Not sure.....	2	3	-

Hispanics			
	<u>1/10</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>1/08</u>
Strongly agree.....	27	24	17
Somewhat agree.....	30	34	24
Somewhat disagree.....	25	24	27
Strongly disagree.....	17	16	28
Not sure.....	1	2	4

39. Now let me read you two brief statements on affirmative action programs, and ask which one comes closer to your own point of view.

**Statement A:** Affirmative action programs are still needed to counteract the effects of discrimination against minorities, and are a good idea as long as there are no rigid quotas.

**Statement B:** Affirmative action programs have gone too far in favoring minorities, and should be ended because they unfairly discriminate against whites.

(IF RESPONDENT MAKES A CHOICE, ASK:) Do you feel strongly about that, or not so strongly?

	All Adults						
	<u>1/10</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>3/00</u>	<u>9/95</u>	<u>3/95</u>	<u>3/91+</u>	
<b>Statement A/Strongly</b> .....	31	32	33	33	31	40	<b>[318]</b>
<b>Statement A/Do not feel strongly</b> .....	18	17	21	17	21	21	
<b>Statement B/Do not feel strongly</b> .....	13	13	11	13	13	11	
<b>Statement B/Strongly</b> .....	30	30	26	30	27	17	
Not sure.....	8	8	9	7	8	11	

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	Whites	African Americans	Hispanics
	<u>1/10</u>	<u>1/10</u>	<u>1/10</u>
<b>Statement A/Strongly</b> .....	22	73	53
<b>Statement A/Do not feel strongly</b> .....	19	8	16
<b>Statement B/Do not feel strongly</b> .....	16	4	5
<b>Statement B/Strongly</b> .....	36	3	17
Not sure.....	7	12	9

On a different topic . . .

40. How worried are you that the United States will experience another major terrorist attack--very worried, fairly worried, only slightly worried, or not really worried at all?

	<u>1/10</u>	<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>1/02</u>	
Very worried.....	33	17	27	30	25	31	30	<b>[319]</b>
Fairly worried.....	23	25	25	22	23	27	29	
Only slightly worried.....	28	41	34	32	35	29	26	
Not really worried at all.....	15	16	13	16	17	12	14	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

41. Thinking about the war on terror, would you say that it is more important, equally important, or less important than it was in the months just after September eleventh?

	<u>1/10**</u>	<u>3/04</u>	
More important.....	38	34	<b>[320]</b>
Equally important.....	46	49	
Less important.....	14	14	
Mixed (VOL).....	1	1	
Not sure.....	1	1	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

42. When it comes to protecting the American public from terrorism, do you think the government has done an excellent job, a good job, not so good a job, or a poor job?

Excellent job.....	7	[321]
Good job.....	50	
Not so good a job.....	28	
Poor job.....	13	
Not sure.....	2	

43. When it comes to the lessons of the attempted terrorist attack on an airplane to Detroit on December twenty-fifth and what the government should be concentrating on in fighting terrorism, which of the following two statements comes closer to your point of view?

**Statement A:** The government has the appropriate security measures in place. We just need better coordination and sharing of information between all of the national security and intelligence agencies.

**Statement B:** The government does not have the appropriate security measures in place. We need a major re-structuring of all the national security and intelligence agencies

Statement A/ appropriate security measures in place.....	57	[322]
Statement B/appropriate security measures NOT in place.....	39	
Not sure.....	4	

44. Do you think that when the United States captures suspected terrorists these prisoners should receive all the same legal rights as people being tried in the U.S. court system, or not? \*\*

Yes, should receive same legal rights.....	28	[323]
No, should not receive same legal rights.....	67	
Depends (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	3	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

**And, getting near the end of the survey . . .**

45. From which ONE of the following television news sources do you get MOST of your information about politics and current events? If you do not watch any of these, please just say so.

Broadcast network news, such as NBC, ABC, or CBS.....	40	[324]
The cable channel CNN.....	18	
The cable channel MSNBC.....	8	
The cable channel Fox News.....	20	
None of these (VOL).....	12	
Not sure.....	2	

**FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.**

F1a. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered.....	87	<b>[325]</b>
Not registered.....	12	
Not sure.....	1	

F1b/c. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in last November's election for president? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** For whom did you vote—Barack Obama, John McCain, or someone else?

**Yes, Voted**

Voted for Barack Obama.....	39	<b>[326/327]</b>
Voted for John McCain.....	34	
Voted for someone else.....	4	
Not sure.....	4	

<b>No, Did Not Vote</b> .....	18	
Not sure.....	1	

F1d. And did you happen to vote in the 2006 election for U.S. Congress?

Voted.....	64	<b>[328]</b>
Did not vote.....	29	
Not sure.....	7	

F2. Are you currently employed? **(IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:)** What type of work do you do?

**(IF "NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:)** Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

Currently Employed

Professional, manager.....	20	<b>[329]</b>
White-collar worker.....	17	
Blue-collar worker.....	13	
Farmer, rancher.....	-	

Not Currently Employed

Student.....	4	
Homemaker.....	6	
Retired.....	27	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	11	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	2	

F3. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	-	<b>[337-338]</b>
Some high school.....	6	
High school graduate.....	27	
Some college, no degree.....	18	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	11	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	23	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	2	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree.....	9	
Doctoral/law degree.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

- F4. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? **(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	18	<b>[339]</b>
Not very strong Democrat.....	9	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	13	
Strictly Independent.....	22	
Independent/lean Republican.....	11	
Not very strong Republican.....	8	
Strong Republican.....	11	
Other (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	3	

- F5. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative? **(IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE," ASK:)** Do you consider yourself to be very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

Very liberal.....	8	<b>[340]</b>
Somewhat liberal.....	13	
Moderate.....	38	
Somewhat conservative.....	18	
Very conservative.....	16	
Not sure.....	7	

- F6a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians) .....	51	<b>CONTINUE</b>	<b>[341]</b>
Catholic.....	23		
Jewish.....	1	<b>Skip to Q.F7</b>	
Muslim.....	-		
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.....	2		
Other.....	8		
None.....	10	<b>CONTINUE</b>	
Not sure/refused.....	5		

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F6a.)**

- F6b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	16	<b>[342]</b>
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	50	
Not sure.....	8	
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim/Mormon (Q.F6a).....	26	

F7. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of worship?

Never.....	17	<b>[343]</b>
Once a year.....	6	
A few times a year.....	17	
Once a month.....	6	
About twice a month.....	10	
Once a week or more often.....	39	
Not sure.....	5	

F8a/b. Are you a current or retired labor union member? (IF "NO," OR "NOT SURE," ASK:) Is anyone else in your household a current or retired labor union member?

Labor union member.....	15	<b>[344/345]</b>
Union household.....	9	
Non-union household.....	74	
Not sure.....	2	

F9. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	6	<b>[346]</b>
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	10	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	8	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	9	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	16	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	13	
More than \$100,000.....	17	
Not sure/refused.....	13	